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### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - November 5, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Roberto Murrieta-Cruz was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego by the Honorable M. James Lorenz to serve 130 months in prison following Murrieta-Cruz's conviction for importation of methamphetamine.

According to court documents, Murrieta-Cruz admitted that on or about December 14, 2006, he was the driver of a 1998 Dodge Ram that entered the United States from Mexico through the Calexico West, California Port of Entry. Murrieta-Cruz's vehicle contained approximately 14.24 kilograms (31.33 pounds) of concealed methamphetamine. Murrieta-Cruz pled guilty to the indictment on September 4, 2007.

### **DEFENDANT:**

Roberto Murrieta-Cruz

**Case Number: 07cr2141-L**

### **SUMMARY OF CHARGE:**

Title 21, United States Code, Section 952, 960, Importation of Methamphetamine

### **INVESTIGATING AGENCY:**

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement